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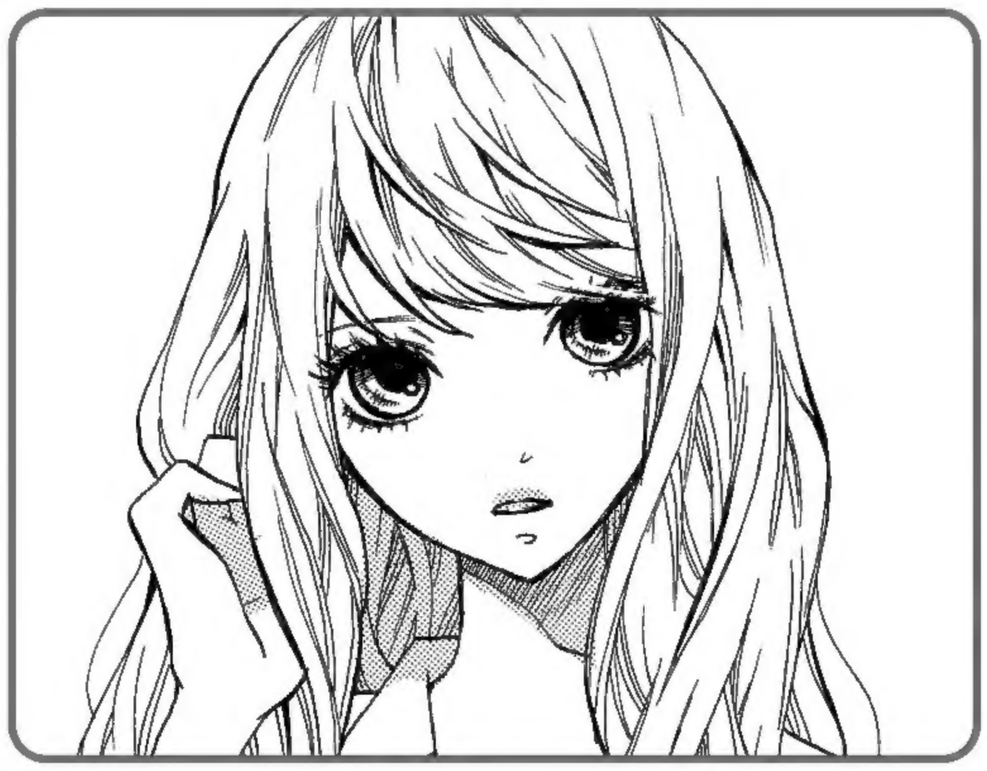
CHARACTERS

Hikari Tsutsui

His nickname is "Tsutsun." Loves virtual reality, but inexperienced with real love. What will happen when he meets Iroha...?



Iroha Igarashi

She's a flashy, sexy, real-life young girl. People say she's easy with guys, is she really?

STORY

Hikari is a third-year high-school boy who is a so-called "otaku." He thought that he'd be fine living alone so long as he had 2D girls from games and anime... But then, he suddenly gets asked out by incredibly 3D girl Iroha, and their relationship begins. Even if he gets twisted around the uninhibited Iroha's finger, Tsutsun is hooked. Is he transforming into a guy with a fulfilling 3D life?!

Ito

Hikari's one and only friend. A classmate and fellow otaku who wears cat ears.

Ezomichi

The heroine of the anime "Magical Girl." She sometimes appears in Hikari's fantasies.

episode★5

The story of how I searched for the lost part of me

TSU-
TSUN.

HEY...

UHH...

YOU THINK SO?

YOU'RE REALLY AGGRESSIVE TODAY...

I MEAN, WE ARE GOING OUT...

YOU KNOW, TSU-TSUN ...

YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.

UH... OKAY...

IS SHE FOR REAL?

YUP.

WH...

WHATEVER I WANT...?

I WANNA TRY...

PUTTING MY FACE IN YOUR HAIR...

AS IN, THE BACK OF YOUR HEAD...

TSUTSUI!!

WHAT ARE YOU PER-VING OUT FOR?!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!

E...EZO-MICHI?!

TSUTSUN... IF YOU WANT TO, THEN SURE...

REALLY?! I CAN SHOVE MY FACE IN THERE?!

HUH? ITO, YOU TOO?!

HEY, WAI...

YEAH, TSUTSUI!! DID YOU FORGET THAT YOU SAID YOU'D PLAY GAMES WITH ME ALL DAY TODAY?!

YOU ALWAYS SAID I WAS YOUR GIRL UNTIL NOT TOO LONG AGO!

HUH? THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?!

WHO IS IT GONNA BE? ME OR HER?!

CHEATER!!

YOU...

YOU HAVE THE WRONG IDEA! HER HAIR LOOKS SO SILKY SMOOTH...

IT JUST CROSSED MY MIND...

SO HOW DID YOU GET THAT IMPRESSION?!

THUD

...

OW...

むくRISE

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY HEAD...?

IT WAS A DREAM?

WHAT ...?

AND THEN...

AND WE GOT CAUGHT UP WITH THE DVDS...

OH... WAIT, SHE CAME OVER...

AND THEN...

WHAT AM I DOING?!

AM I STUPID?!

Even starting up a silent camera!!

GASP

THESE DAYS...

I'VE BEEN REALLY STRANGE...

SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH ME...

HUH?

SORRY, TSUTSUN. I MUST'VE FALLEN ASLEEP...

I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS...!!

SEE YOU TOMORROW.

トン THUD

THANKS, TSUTSUN.

IT'S NOTH-ING.

WHAT'S THE MATTER? YOU LOOK SO OUT OF IT.

UH...

TSUTSUI...

TODAY, HUH...

I THINK SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO DROP BY SOME-WHERE...

TSUTSUI! LET'S GO TO THE NEW GAME STORE! THE ONE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT!

TODAY ...?

OH...

NO WORRIES, THEN!

I CAN GO BY MYSELF!

SORRY...

WHAT AM I DOING?! ITO IS MY ONE AND ONLY FRIEND!!

ITO! I'VE CHANGED AFTER ALL, HAVEN'T I?!

HUH ...?

Why all of a sud-den...?

UH... BUT...

H-HOLD ON!

I'LL GO! I'LL GO, I'LL GO!!

THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN ITO LOOK SO LONELY!!

HUH?

I'M AN IDIOT!!

I'M SO HAPPY ABOUT HAVING A GIRL-FRIEND ...

THAT I ALMOST LOST MY FRIEND!!

SNAP OUT OF IT!!

YOU HAV-EN'T HUNG OUT WITH ITO-KUN LATELY, HUH?

ALL RIGHT.

GLINT

I'M GONNA GO HOME WITH ITO TODAY.

SORRY.

OH...

...I FEEL SAD.

FOR SOME REASON ...

Since you know a lot about this stuff.

I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOU CAME WITH ME, TSU-TSUI.

THANKS!

YEAH!

I'M SO GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO GET THAT GAME!

TSU-TSUI...

ITO... I'M SORRY I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HANG OUT AS MUCH WITH YOU THESE DAYS!

R... REALLY? You're sure mature about it...

WHY ARE YOU WALK-ING ON EGGSHELLS WITH ME?

I'M HAPPY IF YOU'RE HAPPY, TSUTSUI.

HUH?

REALLY VALUE YOUR FRIEND-SHIP!!

BUT I...

...

I'M KINDA SCARED THAT...

I'LL BE ALL LOVE-SICK AND CHANGE WHO I AM.

IF ANY-THING, YOU COULD BRAG ABOUT YOUR RELATION-SHIP MORE!

Go for it!!

NAW... IF I START GET-TING THAT WAY, YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO PUNCH ME...

WHY...?

THE RUG'S GONNA BE PULLED OUT FROM UNDER ME AT SOME POINT.

SHOULD I REALLY BE THIS HAPPY?

I'M AN OTAKU, AND I'M SO BAD WITH GIRLS THAT THEY WON'T EVEN GIVE ME THE TIME OF DAY, SO...

THINGS HAVE GOT-TEN QUITE COMPLI-CATED...

<You're so awk-ward it worries me.

IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDER-STAND, BUT...

WE'RE PLAYING SOCCER TODAY FOR GYM.

YES!

I can tune out while pretending that I'm playing!

MY HEART'S RACING ...

THADUMP THADUMP THADUMP

DAMN!

Her gym clothes ...!!

TURN

?

EEK!

STUMBLE

UH, TSU-TSUI?!

Heh ...

TH... THANKS.

...

I'M TOUCHING HER...

I'M STARE!!

BUT I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING.

HUH ..?

WAIT...

LET GO!

GROSS!!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

WHAT'S WITH HER?

YOU HELPED HER UP!

IT'S FINE. I'M USED TO IT.

I OFTEN GOT THAT REACTION DURING FOLK DANCING LONG TIME AGO.

I MEAN, IT WAS STRANGE HOW WE ENDED UP GOING THERE...

BUT TO THINK THAT MAYBE...

JUST MAYBE... SOME-THING COULD'VE HAPPENED THEN...

I'VE BEEN TO A HOTEL WITH HER.

ビクッ JOLT

TSU-TSUN!

LET'S GO HOME!

カーッ BLUSH

...

SORRY...

GO HOME FIRST!

AND YOU'RE GOOD WITH THAT STUFF ...

I WANNA GET A NEW IPOD, TSU-TSUN ...

WANNA COME WITH ME TO THE ELEC-TRONICS STORE?

WHAT!!!

WHAT'S THE MATTER? DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?

SORRY...

S...

THEN WHAT IT IS?

NO...

DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG ...?

THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN ANYTHING.

IT'S NOTH-ING!!

LIKE I COULD SAY THAT!

YEAH, RIGHT!

I WAS FANTA-SIZING ABOUT YOU.

BE THAT WAY...

FINE...

MAN...

AW...

MY NAME'S ISHINO...

So annoy-ing.

OH, IT'S THE PERSON WHO FELL.

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

...

...

WELL ...

YOU'RE ALL HUD-DLED UP BY YOUR-SELF IN CLASS...

THINK-ING OF KILLING YOUR-SELF?

WHAT? NO.

A...

ARE YOU...

IN LOVE, ISHINO-SAN?

HEY!

FOR-GET I SAID ANY-THING.

SORRY.

HOLD ON!

I FEEL SELF-CONSCIOUS, Y'KNOW?!

BUT I CAN'T TELL ITO...

AND I DON'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!!

WHY WOULD I SUDDENLY TALK ABOUT LOVE WITH SOMEONE WHO I'VE NEVER SPOKEN TO?

And an otaku like you, at that!

HUH?

WHEN YOU LIKE SOMEONE...

DO YOU START ACTING WEIRD?

LIKE SOMEONE...

WELL... I DO...

LIKE HOW?!

WELL... EVERYONE GETS WEIRD WHEN THEY FALL IN LOVE.

I'M SERIOUSLY ASKING YOU!!

WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE?!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "HOW"...? LIKE, YOU ACT DIFFERENTLY IN FRONT OF THE PERSON.

HOW?!

ARISAAA ...

WANNA, LIKE...

GO HOME WITH ME TODAY? ♥

WEIRDO ...

SHE'S ACTUALLY A NICE GIRL...

I MEAN, YOU'RE ALREADY A GLOOMY KID WITH ISSUES.

IT'S JUST MY TWO CENTS, BUT WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE?

I KNOW.

THANKS, ISHINO-SAN.

DO YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU ONE MORE TIME?

I'M GOOD.

OH...

THAT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER ...

SO EV-ERYONE GETS WEIRD...

I HAVE A MEET-ING TO-DAY...

GO ON WITHOUT ME.

SHE'S GIVING ME THE COLD SHOUL-DER... SHE'S PISSED...

WAIT...

HOLD ON.

WHAP!!!

NOW DO YOU KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE SOME-ONE...

PUSH YOUR HAND AWAY?

YEAH...

I'LL GO HOME ALONE TODAY.

I'M SORRY...

RATTLE ガラ RATTLE ガラガラ RATTLE ガラ RATTLE

I'M GONNA BE HATED EITHER WAY...

?

RIGHT NOW... MY MIND'S SPINNING, BUT I'M GOING NOWHERE.

I'M GONNA APOL-OGIZE TO HER TOMOR-ROW.

I don't wanna hold Tsutsui's hand, ew!

IT WAS QUITE A SHOCK.

UNTIL NOW, I DIDN'T THINK ANY-THING OF IT.

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NO.

THINKING OF KILLING YOURSELF?

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I MIGHT END UP LOSING HER. AND SHE WAS THE ONLY GIRL WHO'D PARTNER WITH ME DURING FOLK DANCE.

WHAT?

I DON'T THINK SO.

IT'S NOT GOING WELL?

YOU'RE GOING OUT WITH THAT GIRL FROM CLASS C, RIGHT?

YOU KNOW, TSUTSUI... IF YOU CUT YOUR BANGS, YOU MIGHT LOOK A LITTLE BETTER ...

HUH?

I'M SERIOUS.

I FEEL WEIRD WITHOUT MY BANGS, THOUGH...

IF YOU LIKE SOMEONE, YOU SHOULD PUT MORE EFFORT INTO YOUR APPEARANCE!

SHOULD I CUT THEM FOR YOU?

I'm good at this kinda stuff.

HUH?!

NOW?!

HEY!

YOU'RE SURE IT'S GONNA BE OKAY, RIGHT?

With those craft scissors!!

IT'S GONNA BE FIIINE!

HEY! YOU'RE NOT HOLDING THE SCISSORS RIGHT! WAIT!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

RELAX! IT'LL BE FINE!

C...

CUTTING MY HAIR...

HANDS OFF.

HE'S MINE, OKAY?

UHH...

I DON'T KNOW HOW COOL YOU THINK YOUR BOY-FRIEND IS...

Not with him!!

BUT THAT'D NEVER HAPPEN.

YEAH, BUT...

EVEN YOU...

IF YOU KNEW TSU-TSUN'S HEART, YOU COULD END UP LIKING HIM, TOO...

AND, TSU-TSUN...

DON'T LET OTHERS TOUCH YOU...

WHATEVER...

LOOKS LIKE YOUR GIRLFRIEND WOULD STILL PARTNER WITH YOU FOR FOLK DANCES.

But what do I know?

WHADDYA KNOW?

FOLK ...?

IT'S NOTH-ING.

NOTH-ING WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN ME AND ANYONE ELSE.

They'd all turn me down.

SHE'S RIGHT, Y'KNOW?

YOU'RE WRONG, TSUTSUN.

NO, I'M NOT.

YOU'RE SPECIAL.

I'M EMBARRASSED...

SAYING THAT YOU WERE "MINE."

I'M... SORRY...

IT BOTHERED ME TO SEE YOU... WITH ANOTHER GIRL.

I THOUGHT YOU TRIED REALLY HARD TO PUT UP WITH ME...

BUT YOU'VE CHANGED RECENTLY, TSUTSUN.

I MIGHT'VE SAID SOME-THING SELFISH ...

I MIGHT'VE TOLD A LOT OF LIES...

DO...

YOU HATE ME NOW?

WHAT'S WITH YOU?

I...

WHAT ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT?

GET WEIRD WHEN I'M WITH YOU...

I SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO'S WORRIED.

SORRY FOR AVOIDING YOU...

I'M YOURS.

IT'S OKAY IF YOU'RE SELFISH OR YOU LIE...

I'M JUST HAPPY THAT YOU LIKE ME.

I'M GONNA HOLD ONTO HER...

UNTIL SHE HATES ME...

UNTIL SHE PUSHES ME AWAY...

'CAUSE THE DAY THAT WE SEPARATE WILL COME.

ARE YOU SURE...?

I take under wear pics and stuff...

I WANNA SEE YOU WHEN YOU GET WEIRD, TSUTSUN.

episode★6

The story of what I assumed real life would be

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SO... HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN LATELY?

ガリッ CHOMP

SHRIEK

WELL, I WANNA KNOW!

AM I ISUPPOSED TO REPORT EVERY LITTLE THING THAT HAPPENS?

I MEAN WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND!

I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, BUT ITO'S STILL MY ONE AND ONLY FRIEND.

YOU'RE GONNA BE REALLY DIS-APPOINTED IF YOU THINK OF ME AS ONE OF THOSE MODEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

SNIFF...

I'M JUST HAPPY THAT YOU'VE FINALLY BECOME A NORMAL BOY...!

I HA-VEN'T, THOUGH

Sorry to disap-point...

Hello, ma'am!

You have no idea how jealous I was of the lively high school boy next door...

Not that I'm after that kind of life...

DAMMIT...

I'M STILL FAR FROM HAVING A FULFILLING REAL LIFE...

MORE AND MORE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO...

GROWING SO FOND OF HER...

HONESTLY, THESE DAYS, MY HEART HAS BEEN...

OW! OW!

WHAP!

HOLD ON! LOOK!

THAT HURT!

I'VE BEEN A FAN OF HIM LATELY!

WHAP!

THAT BOY!

Kawag-oe-san would never do such a thing!

HEY!!

A HOT PASTRY CHEF SHOULD JUST GO EXPLODE!!

HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

THE YOUNG AND BRILLIANT PASTRY CHEF,

KATSUYA KAWAGOE!

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DA-DA-DUM

DA-DUM
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DA-DA-DUM

CROUCHED
ちんまり

DA-DUM
ニィヤヤ
DA-DA-DUM

HEY...

CURLED UP IN A BALL AS AL-WAYS... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

GOOD MORN-ING TSU...

GOOD MORNING, TSUTSUI!!

UH... WELL...

WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HEAR ME OUT, ISHINO-SAN?

WHAT?

And Ito...

GOOD MORN-ING...

YOU SCARED ME, ISHINO-SAN.

WHY ARE YOU IN YOUR OWN LITTLE WORLD SINCE THE MORN-ING?

THIS...

AURA OF...

LIKING A PER-SON.

WHAT ...?

You're not gonna get weird on me, are you?

IF I DON'T TRY REALLY HARD TO KEEP IT TOGETHER, IT FEELS LIKE... IT'S GONNA COME OUT OF MY PORES...

THIS BURST OF FEEL-INGS... THAT I CAN'T HIDE ANY-MORE...

ISHINO-SAN!

THESE FEELINGS THAT I CAN'T SHARE KEEP COMING TO THE SURFACE.

DAMMIT... I THOUGHT ISHINO-SAN WOULD BE ABLE TO UN-DERSTAND ME...

I...IF SO, I MIGHT UNDER-STAND YOU...

THIS STUFF MIGHT RELATE TO THOSE STUFF IN 2D...

YEAH, THAT MIGHT BE!

IN OTHER WORDS...THE FEELINGS YOU HAVE FOR IGARASHI-SAN AREN'T STOP-PING!

LIKE HUGGING HER...

BLUSH

THERE'S A LOT OF STUFF, RIGHT? A LOT OF OPTIONS THAT SHE'D ACCEPT BEING YOUR GIRLFRIEND...

HOW?

UH...

WELL...

BUT IGARASHI-SAN IS 3D, TSUTSUI!

SHE DOESN'T EXIST IN A MONITOR.

YOU JUST HAVE TO SHARE THOSE FEELINGS WITH HER!

SORRY... I CAN'T TALK ABOUT THIS KINDA STUFF, AFTER ALL...

WHOOSH

SO I... CAN DO ANYTHING THAT I THINK OF...?

TODAY, THERE'S A TV SHOW I WANNA WATCH WHEN I GET HOME, SO...

THAT'S RARE...

WHAT IS IT?

SORRY.

KATSUYA KAWAGOE'S COOKING VARIETY SHOW.

OHH... THAT GOOD-LOOKING GUY...

THESE DAYS, MY MOM AND I ARE HOOKED ON IT...

If I don't watch it with her, she won't stop talking about it after.

A person shown on TV... in other words, 2.5D...

WHAT IS THIS FEELING?

This vague, misty feeling...

NO, JUST IGNORE IT.

IT'S PRETTY COOL WATCHING A GUY COOK.

HMM...

RATTLE

RATTLE

RATTLE

HUH...? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I DON'T REALLY KNOW MYSELF.

PRESS

PRESS

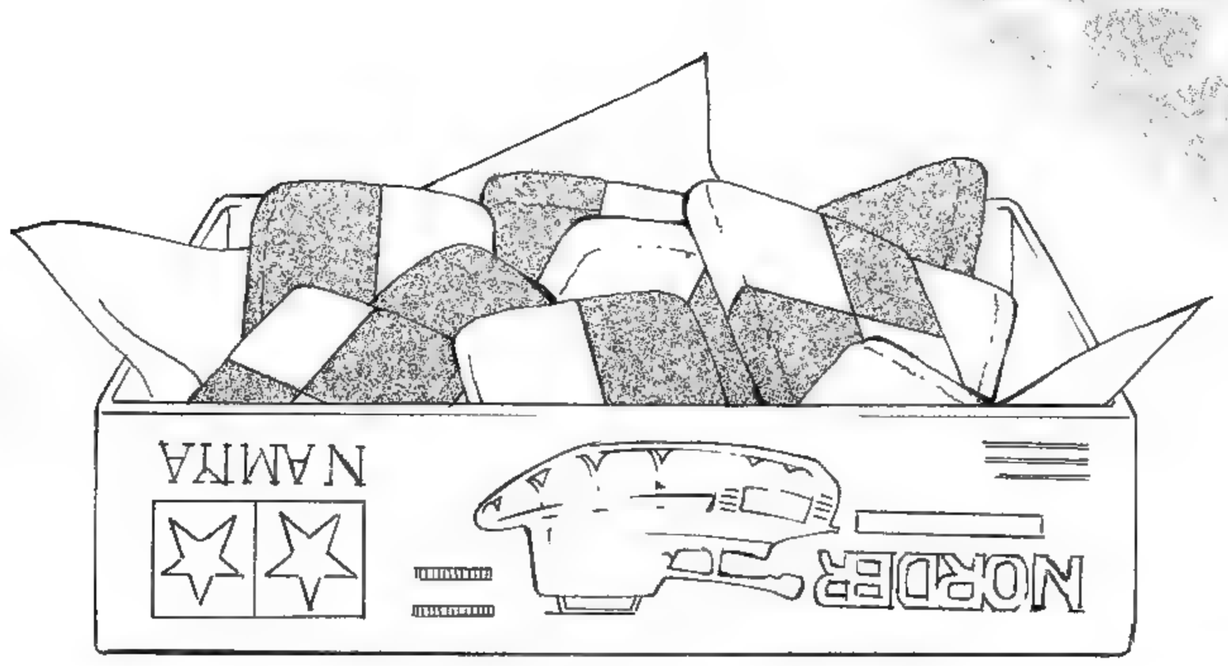
WHAT THE HECK AM I TRYING TO DO?

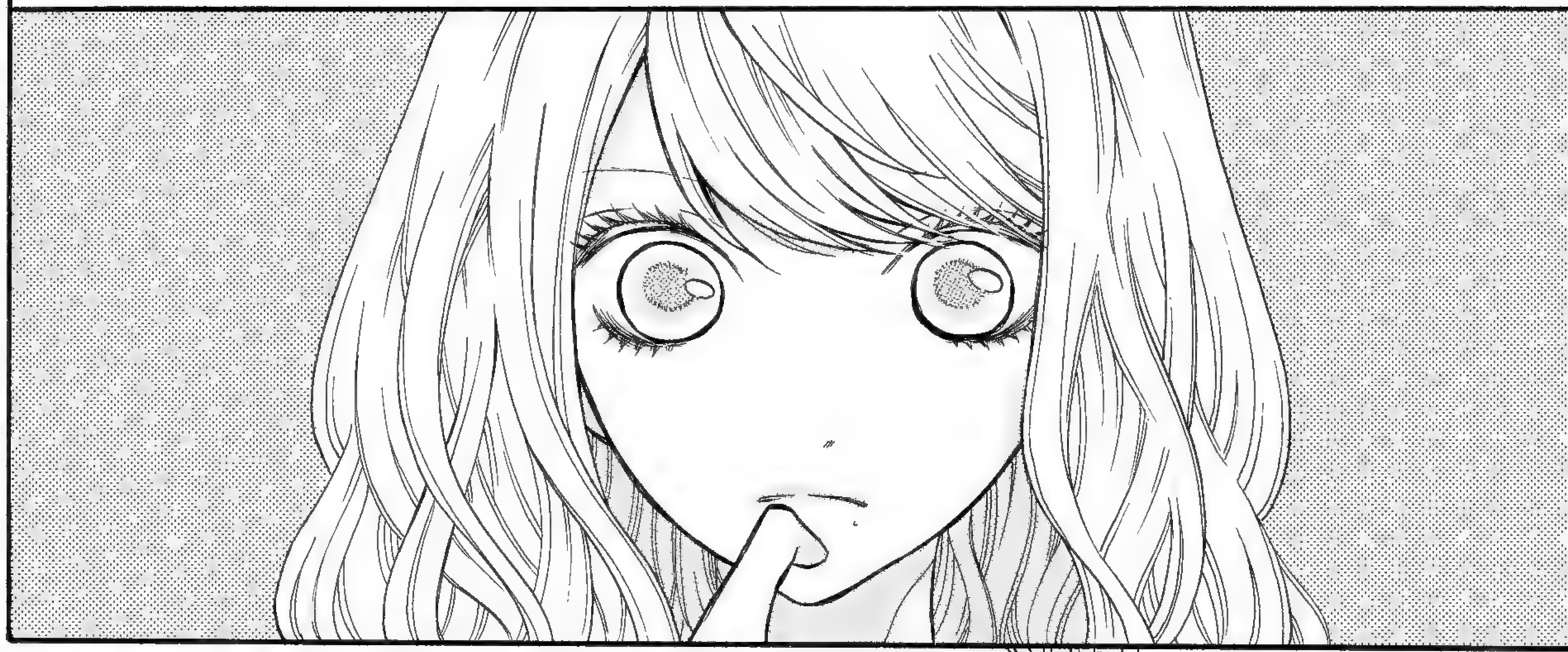
TSUTSUI, WANDERING IN THE FIELDS OF PASSION

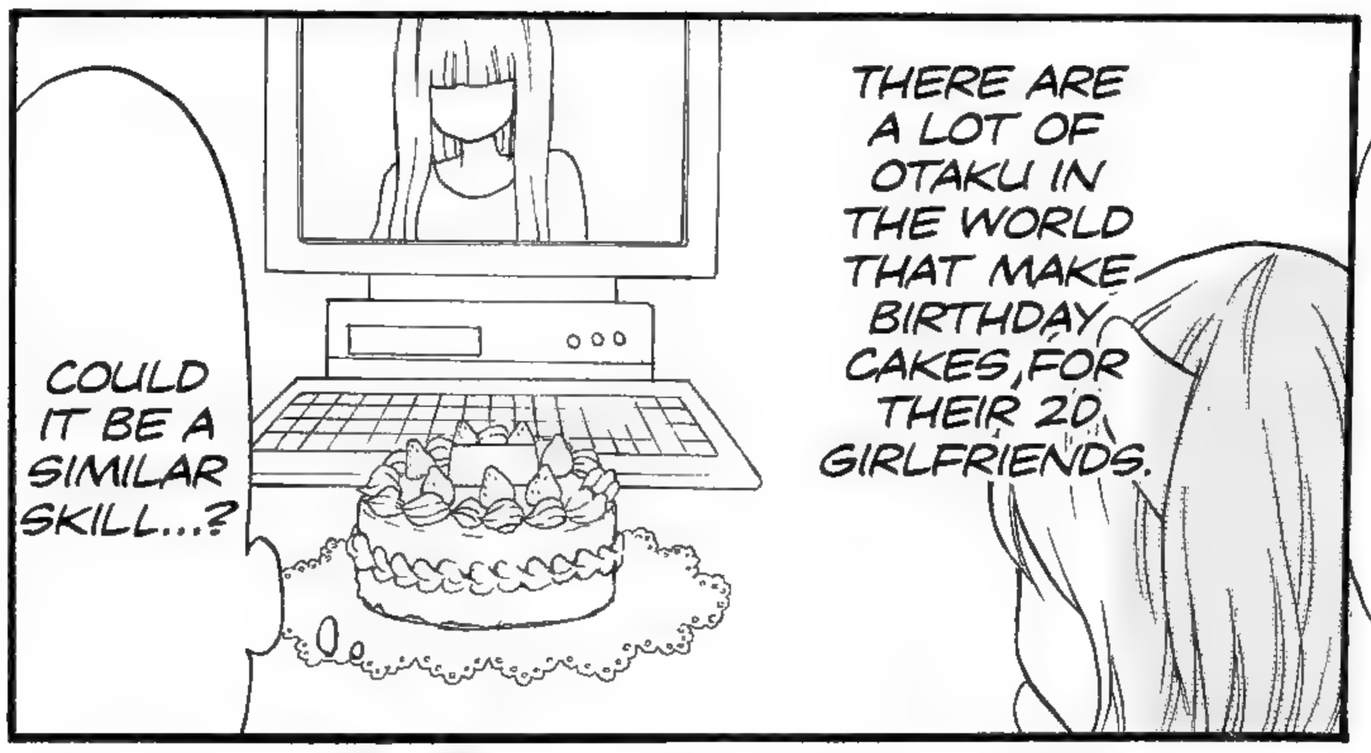
みょ〜ん STRETCH

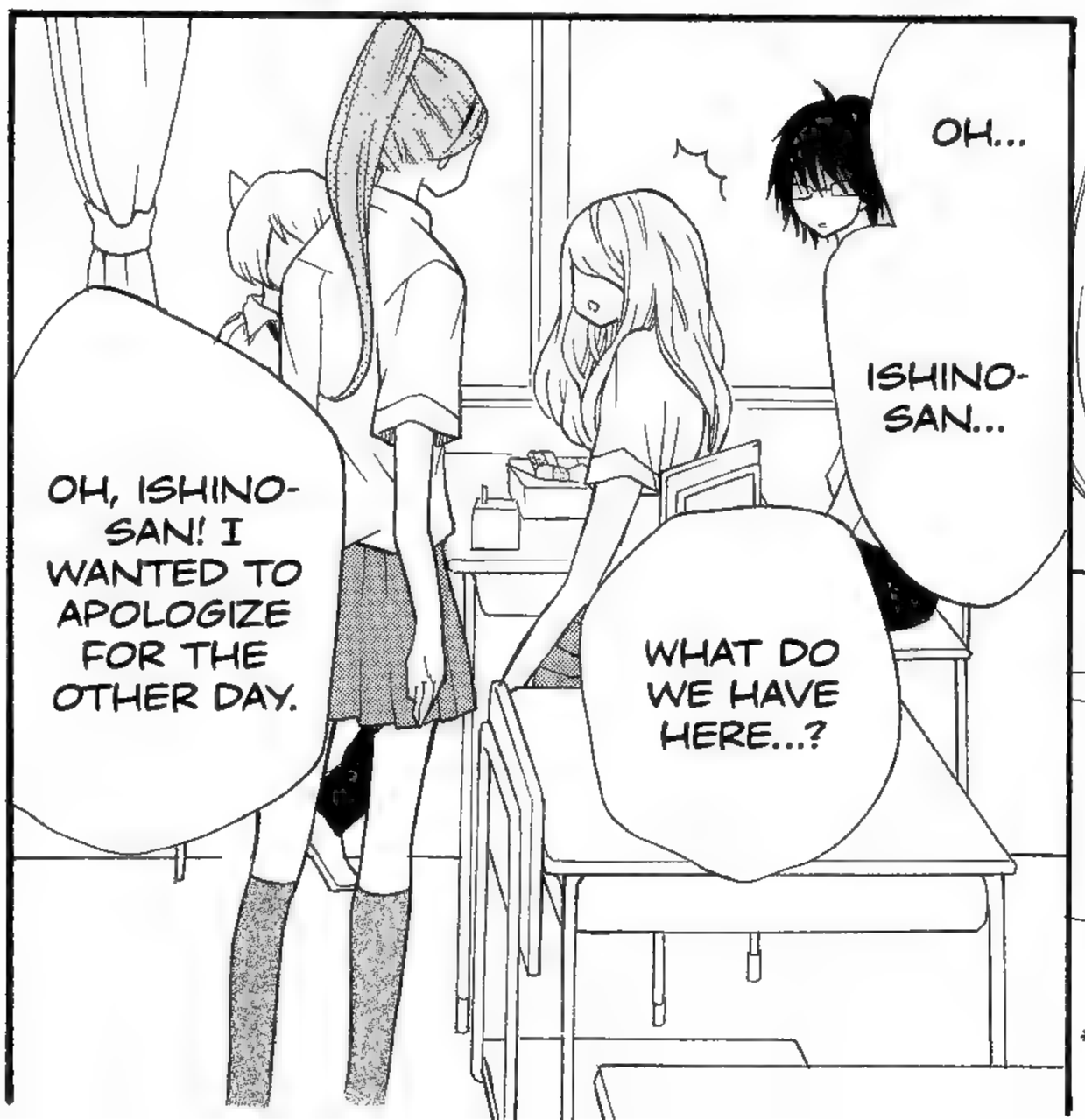
WHAT AM I... TRYING TO DO HERE...?

Trying to stretch it into a rod.









IS THIS REALLY YOUR FIRST TIME...?
Huh?...
YEAH... IT WAS PRETTY EASY WITH "COOKPAD."
TSUTSUN, YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY SKILLED, LOOKING AT THE SHAPE AND ALL.

* Cookpad is an internet resource for cooking recipes.

I'M JUST GLAD THAT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL LIKE YOU HAS FALLEN FOR AN OTAKU LIKE THIS GUY.

ISHINO-SAN... HOW KIND OF YOU...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

REMORSEFUL...

ふかふかふか...

I REALLY GOT CARRIED AWAY...

I WAS OUT OF LINE...

FEMALE PARIAH →

← CAT EARS

← OTAKU

YEAH, IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME AS LONG AS I'M HAVING FUN.

Yeah.

ISHINO-SAN'S A GOOD PERSON...

I MEAN, SHE EVEN CAME OVER AND JOINED US...

IT WAS JUST A MISUNDERSTANDING.

IF YOU MESS AROUND WITH GUYS, YOU WOULDN'T BE SO HUNG UP ABOUT OTAKU LIKE THIS GUY.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

IGARASHI-SAN, WHY DON'T YOU MAKE ANY FRIENDS?

ISHINO-SAN... EVEN MY STONE-WALLED HEART CAN'T KEEP UP IF YOU KEEP CALLING ME THAT

ABOUT HOW I MESS AROUND AND STEAL PEOPLE'S BOYFRIENDS...

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD?

I DON'T NEED FRIENDS.

I'M FINE WITHOUT FRIENDS...

I'M GONNA TRANSFER SCHOOLS IN HALF A YEAR, ANYWAY...

HUH-HH?

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?

ANYONE YOU LIKE?!

UH...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, ISHINO-SAN?

OH...

I SEE...

?

WELL...

I'VE BEEN MAKING SOME STUFF HAPPEN...

AND I'M ALMOST THERE!

HE'S SO COOL. ♥

YUP. ♥

YOU LIKE HIM, RIGHT?

...

WITHDRAW

I...IS THAT SO...?

ISN'T THAT DIFFERENT...?

THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER PATHS TO A RELATIONSHIP, Y'KNOW, TSU-TSUN...

Ishino-san's expression changes, after all...

So charming...

HOPE IT GOES WELL...

YOU'RE RIGHT... HE IS COOL...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

HM?

HOW NICE...

SIGH...

EVERY-ONE SEEMS TO BE...

HAVING A LOT OF FUN, BEING IN LOVE ...

FUN...

FUN, HUH...?

THERE'S A LOT OF TROUBLE THAT COMES WITH IT, TOO...

ITO... YOU'RE A REALLY VALUED PERSON TOO, Y'KNOW...

...

I know that...

I'VE NOTICED RECENT-LY...

LOVE COMES WITH A LOT OF FEEL-INGS...

THAT CAN'T...

BE EX-PLAINED.

So I can't introduce you to anyone...

SORRY... THAT I DON'T... HAVE ANY FRIENDS...

I HOPE ... ITO UNDER-STANDS THAT SOON, TOO...

What are you talking about, Igarashi-san?!

HEY...

DID YOU MAKE ME THOSE COOKIES...

BECAUSE OF OUR CONVER-SATION YESTER-DAY...?

I'M GLAD.

YEAH...

PRETTY MUCH...

Heh heh.

THANKS.

A HUG...

IS OUT OF THE QUES-TION, HUH...

?

Homework During the Break:

Know a girl's heart through a gal game

And we're in public...

?

WHEN I THINK RATIO-NAL-LY...

I DUNNO WHAT TO DO.

Maiko: Sorry..... I've decided to go out with sempai...

A GIRL'S HEART IS TOO DIFFI-CULT!!

WHERE DID I GO WRONG?!

Make it somewhat believable, will ya?!

WHAT GIRL DOES THAT?!

WHY?

I'M GONNA TRANSFER SCHOOLS IN HALF A YEAR.

I feel like crying.

EVEN IF IT'S A GAME, I'M SHOCK-ED...

THE DAY I GET DUMPED...

OH WELL...

THE DAY'S GONNA COME, ISN'T IT?

EVEN NOW...

OR WHAT TO EVEN TALK ABOUT...

I STILL DON'T KNOW THE RIGHT TIME TO CALL...

WHERE WILL I FOCUS ALL MY ENERGY TOWARDS?

WHEN THAT HAPPENS...

RISE 7

CURLED UP

CURLED UP

I'M MAKING A CAKE.

...

HEY...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT THIS HOUR...?

YOU SURE ARE AN ODD ONE...

170 degrees...

YEAH... I DON'T GET MYSELF EITHER...

Tastes so good.

LIKE AN OTAKU OR OTOME...

TYPE OF GUY?

WHAT? SOUNDS LAME.

TSUTSUI...

ARE YOU THINKING OF MOVING ONTO A NEW GENRE...?

ARISA...!

MORNING. ♥ YOU'RE LOOKING CUTE LIKE A PUPPY TODAY, ARISA!

MORNING, SHUN-KUN! ♥

OH, GOSH! ♥

WILL YOU LEND ME SOME MONEY? ♥

LET ME SEE HOW MUCH I HAVE...

HOLD ON...

MM...

WELL ...

I DON'T THINK IT'S OUR PLACE TO COM-MENT...

Ohh! That's awesome!

Thanks, babe!

CAN HE...DO THAT...?

What... the heck...?

OH, AND TSU-TSUN... I DON'T LIKE CREAM...

Sorry ...

SO THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFER-ENT KINDS OF DATING, HUH...

OH, SORRY!

I LIKE EVERY-THING ELSE BESIDES CREAM.

GOT IT!!

See you after school!

BUT...

I SEE...

STAY-ING OUT OF IT

...

OKAY...

ISHINO-SAN....

IGA-RASHI-SAN?!

IT'S NOTHING. JUST ASTHMA.

HUH?

NO... I'M JUST COM-ING BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL.

I KNEW IT! DO YOU LIVE AROUND HERE?

ANNOYED.

YOU'RE KNOWN AROUND SCHOOL FOR A LOT OF THINGS!

IGA-RASHI-SAN IS A REALLY GOOD PER-SON!

SHOOT.

IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT I'M ANNOYED...

YOU'RE IGARASHI-SAN FROM CLASS C!

I KNOW YOU!

I KNOW FROM THE FEW CONVERSATIONS WE'VE HAD.

YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON, IGARASHI-SAN.

YEAH, BUT STILL...

BUT YOU DON'T REALLY...

KNOW ME THAT WELL...

HAR! HAR! HAR! HAR!

OF A PERSON'S CHARACTER.

YOU'RE A GOOD JUDGE...

THAT I DON'T THINK...

I CAN'T SAY TO YOU...

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くすり

??

Weirdo ...

YUP! SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW!

WELL, THEN... I'LL SEE YOU AT SCHOOL, ISHINO-SAN.

YEAH, SHE SAID SHE DOESN'T NEED ANY.

WE'RE... NOT FRIENDS.

THAT'S GREAT...

YOU MADE A FRIEND, ARISA.

WOW! YOU'RE REALLY RE-SEARCH-ING HARD!

ONCE TSUTSUI GETS HOOKED, THERE'S NO STOP-PING HIM!

He has the temperament to be an enthusiast!

TSU-TSUN!

100 RECIPES FOR BAKED SWEETS

WELL...

I STILL DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO EXPRESS MY LOVE TO YOU...

I ENJOY THE PROCESS OF FIGURING IT OUT.

Besides, you're the one eating it.

Ha! Ha! Ha!

ARE YOU FOR REAL?!

...

HUH?

WHAT DID I JUST SAY?

NOTH-ING. LET'S GO HOME!

BLUSH

I SURE GOT LUCKY WITH HER! ♫

WHOA. SHE'S A NICE BROAD TO HAVE AROUND, THAT ARISA!

YEAH!

I HAD ANOTHER CHICK'S CLOTHES IN MY ROOM.

SHE NO-TICED, BUT DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.

She knows I'm playing the field!

I'M NOT SURE.

I RAN INTO HIM ON THE STREET THE OTHER DAY...

SHOULD WE... SHOW OUR-SELVES?

I HATE LISTENING TO OTHERS BRAG ABOUT MISTREATING PEOPLE...

YEAH...

LET'S GO OUT THE OTHER WAY, TSUTSUI

I'M A FOOL, AREN'T I...?

MAKES YOU WONDER WHY I'M WITH HIM...

BUT I STILL LOVE HIM...

AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

OH...

ISHINO-SAN...

IT DOESN'T MATTER ...

REGARD-LESS OF WHAT EVERY-ONE THINKS ABOUT THE RELATION-SHIP...

AS LONG AS I'M HAPPY, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME.

WHAT KINDA PERSON HE IS OR WHAT OTHERS THINK...

MUST BE NICE HAV-ING SUCH A STUPID GIRL AROUND!

WELL...SHE GIVES ME MONEY, TOO, SO IT'S HARD TO LEAVE HER!

A love that makes people wonder why...

...

Ito can't bear watching either, so...

LET'S GO, ISHINO-SAN.

HUH?

KA

THUD

WHA...?!

I just got pissed off, that's all!

SORRY... I REALLY DIDN'T WANT TO INTER-VENE...

OH... SORRY...

I JUST COULDN'T HOLD IT IN ANY LON-GER...

WHY DID YOU DO THAT?!

See ya!

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY, I THINK IT'S ALL GOOD.

YOU TOTALLY DON'T PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH!!

TSUTSUI...

I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF RELATIONSHIP EXPERIENCE, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW...

DO YOU THINK I'M A FOOL, TOO?

BUT I DO GET THAT YOU CAN FALL SO DEEPLY IN LOVE...

DO YOU THINK I SHOULD JUST STOP?

WITH A PERSON.

YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON, ISHINO-SAN.

YOU GIVE ME ADVICE AND TREAT ME LIKE A NORMAL PERSON.

BUT...

IN MANGA AND VIDEO GAMES ...

GUYS LIKE HIM ARE GENERALLY NOT GOOD CHARACTERS...

I DON'T WANT YOU TO END UP WITH A BAD ENDING.

THAT'S HOW I FEEL...

SORRY, BUT WE'RE GONNA GO AFTER HER!

I EVEN SURPRISED MYSELF...

SOME-TIMES...

YOU DO THINGS I DON'T GET AT ALL...

WHAT?

CARE FOR ISHINO-SAN, HUH?

YOU...

...

I had two bottles inside my bag.

I MIGHT'VE BEEN OUT OF LINE...

I... DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN IT COMES TO GIRLS.

I SEE...

You're surprisingly awkward, huh...

"IT WAS JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING."

ARE YOU... HAPPY BEING WITH ME?

BY THE WAY... EARLIER...

YOU TOLD ISHINO-SAN, "AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY"...

WE'RE IN PUBLIC...

TSUTSUN, YOU'RE WAY TOO RATIONAL...

CLOSER...

HOLD ME...

...

Bye!

I CAN'T!!

SMOOCH
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YOU GUYS BROKE UP?

YUP.

THAT WAS 100% OUR FAULT!

Oh no!

What the hell's wrong with your friend?!

Ha! Ha!

AFTER-WARDS, SHUN WAS REALLY PISSED.

NO WAY!

Pain in the ass! That hurt!!

SHOULD I...

APOLO-GIZE TO HIM?

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BAWW

IT'S OKAY!

NOT HAPPY AT ALL.

I MEAN...

I'M NOT HAPPY...

You're getting carried away!

HEY! DON'T CRY!

OH NO. YIKES!

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GRAB

H-h-h-h-handker-chief!

STILL, I NEVER THOUGHT...

I WAS GONNA BE HAPPY WITH HIM.

LET'S GO TO THE ROOF!

ISHINO-SAN!

SO C'MON!

Before the teacher comes!

HUH...?

I MADE CHEESE-CAKE AND DONUTS TODAY!

STRAWBERRY MILK

Chocolate

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

Gasp! So much!!

WELL... I THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO SET IT ALL UP ON A DESK, SO...

You know, it's kinda fun!

WHY DO YOU HAVE A PICNIC SHEET, TOO?

THE SWEETNESS... IS SO RICH...

REGULAR

GLAD TO HEAR YOU LIKE IT.

REGU

CHOCOLATE

I THINK YOU'RE A GENIUS, TSUTSUN.

Strawberry Chocolate

GLAZED

Yummy ...

RUB

YOU GOT SOME ON YOU.

WHEN YOU EAT SOMETHING SWEET, THE SEROTONIN THAT GETS SECRETED CALMS YOUR MIND AND ELIMINATES STRESS...

So dig in!

OKAY!

UNTIL NOW, I WASN'T THE SLIGHTEST BIT JEALOUS THAT TSUTSUI WAS YOUR BOYFRIEND...

BUT NOW I'M TOTALLY JEALOUS...!!

WHY AM I SURROUNDED BY GIRLS WHO ARE SO HONEST...?

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

YOU MIGHT NOT BE GOOD AT JUDGING THE CHARACTER OF OTHERS, ISHINO-SAN

BUT YOU CAN DEFINITELY SEE THE GOOD IN PEOPLE.

IT'S GONNA BE ALL RIGHT.

I'M SURE SOMEONE ELSE WILL COME YOUR WAY.

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UH... YOU KNOW...

I DON'T MAKE FRIENDS WITH GIRLS...

I KNOW!

She's flus-tered...

I DON'T REALLY KNOW...

WHAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS...

OR EVEN...

HOW TO EXPRESS THESE EMO-TIONS...

IT FEELS LIKE I'M LIVING A FULFILL-ING REAL LIFE...

BUT TODAY...

GIRLFRIEND

I'M SO HAPPY!

POSSIBLE FEMALE FRIEND

TSU-TSUI,

THE STRAW-BERRY ONE TASTES GOOD, TOO!

MALE FRIEND

AND I'M HAPPY.

episode★7

The story of my certain ruin

I GUESS THAT'S ENOUGH...

NO...

I'M STILL NOT READY.

'CAUSE THERE'S NO KNOW-ING WHAT KIND OF PITFALLS LIFE WILL HAVE IN STORE.

HONESTLY, JUST BE GLAD THAT YOU GET TO BE HAPPY.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO NEGATIVE, TSUTSUI?

WHEN YOU GET REJECTED AS OFTEN I HAVE, YOU END UP LIKE ME...

WELL, YOU SAW MY DARK PERIOD, EZOMICHI...

EY!

SMACK

MY GOD, YOU ARE IM-POSSI-BLE!!

HONESTLY, YOU HAVE ONLY TWO FRIENDS BESIDES YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...

ARE YOU GONNA LIVE OUT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE WITH THIS PES-SIMISTIC ATTITUDE?!

THAT'S STILL UNUSUAL, Y'KNOW!

I SEE... I SUPPOSE I'M BEING TOO SELF CON-CIOUS.

AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THAT!

JUST 'CAUSE A LITTLE HAPPINESS AND JOY CAME YOUR WAY DOESN'T MEAN YOU'RE GONNA SUFFER!!

Y...

YOU THINK SO...?

It's so frus-trating how limited your perspective is!!

THE FANTASY SCENARIO RUNNING THROUGH TSUTSUI'S HEAD...

THANK YOU... EZOMI-CHI...!

THE PAST 4, 5 SEC-ONDS.

TSUTSUN!

SORRY FOR BEING LATE!

MY SUPPLE-MENTARY CLASSES WENT ON LONGER THAN NORMAL...

I DON'T MIND WAITING, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

YOU WERE ALL BY YOURSELF AT WACDON-ALD'S FOR AN HOUR...

IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE TO WAIT FOR...

AND THEY COME.

IT'S FINE... YOU'RE GOOD AT OTHER STUFF.

I... I'M JUST SO SICK OF HOW STUPID I AM...

...

YOU LOOK LIKE AN ABAN-DONED PUPPY RIGHT NOW.

HEY ...

TSU-TSUN...

I WANT YOU TO TUTOR ME.

THANKS ...

BE OF HELP, THEN...

I... IF I CAN ...

ASKED ME FOR HELP!

SOME-ONE'S...

FOR THE FIRST TIME...

SO...

I SUCK AT MATH, AND THIS PROBLEM IS...

UH-HUH.

TSU-TSUN, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?

HUH?!

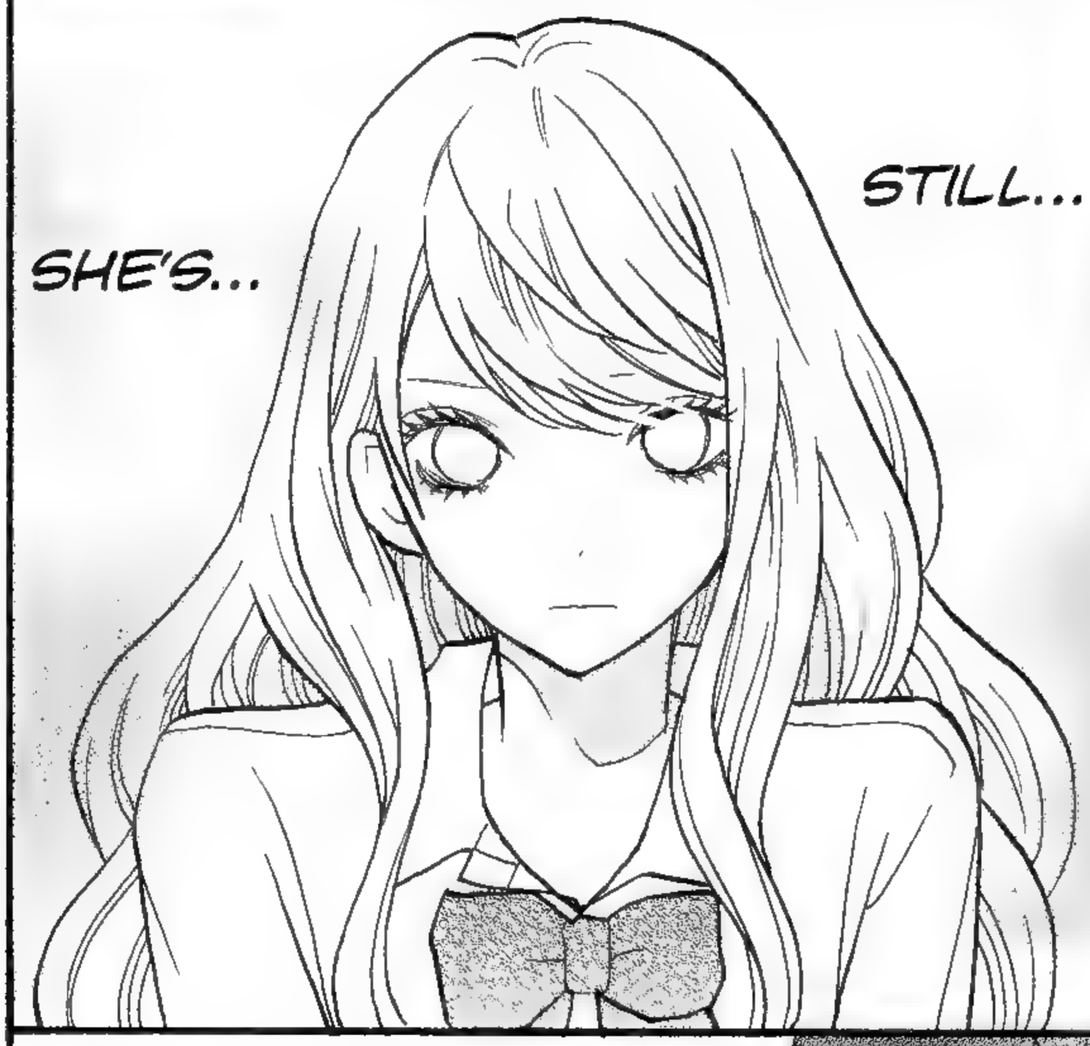
I DON'T UNDER-STAND ANY OF IT.

UH-HUH!

SO THIS PROBLEM HERE...

SHE'S...

STILL...



YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND IT AT ALL...?!

THAT'S SERI-OUS...

MM...

ACTUALLY TERRIBLE AT SOME-THING.

I GOT A LITTLE EXCITED.

SHE'S POUTING HER LIPS...

AND THEN YOU TAKE THE INTEGER...

YOU ROUND OFF TO THE FIRST DECIMAL PLACE...

UH-HUH...

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AFTER YOU PICK THREE FROM THIS NUMBER...

YEAH, THIS QUESTION IS A LITTLE HARD TO GET...

UH...

YEAH! I AM, BUT...

TSUTSUN... ARE YOU COOL WITH TEACHING ME...?

I THINK WE SHOULD TRY AGAIN LATER WITH ITO.

CAN I...

SIT NEXT TO YOU?

EVEN IF I...

GET TO BE A LITTLE HAPPY...

TSU-
TSUN...

GASP

UH...

HEY...

I'M SO
DISGUSTING!!

SERIOUSLY!
SHE ASKED
ME TO TUTOR
HER... WHAT
AM I DOING?!

AHHH!!

SEE
THAT?
IT'S
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HOW DO
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SORRY!

WHAT...?

HUH...?

HUHHHH?!

SO THAT'S HOW YOU GET WHEN IT HAPPENS TO YOU.

NO, IT'S JUST THAT IT WAS SO SUDDEN...

I MEAN, YOU'VE ALWAYS MADE MOVES ON ME...

WHAT'S WITH THAT...

LOOK ON YOUR FACE?

WHAT'S WITH YOU...?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

ABOUT THESE FEEL-INGS?

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WHAT DO I DO...

WH... BADUMP ドクン

EITHER.

I DON'T SENSE MY MOM COMING IN...

TODAY...

DON'T ...

TRY TO HIDE!

IF YOU'RE GONNA COME IN, THEN COME IN!!

YEAH ...
I THINK SO.

HEY...
IS THAT HIM?

TSUTSUI, ON HIS WAY TO SCHOOL

He's walking with his nose in a game strategy guide...

HE'S FAMOUS FOR BE-ING THE OTAKU OF CLASS A.

I DON'T BE-LIEVE IT.
THAT'S WHO IGARASHI-SAN IS DATING?

HE'S NO MATCH FOR ME, THAT'S FOR SURE...

WHAT'S THIS?

Dear Hikari Tsutsui-kun,

I'll be waiting behind the gym after school

MORN-ING, TSU TSU...

WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S A LOVE LETTER!

YOU'RE SURPRIS-INGLY POPULAR!

Y-

USE YOUR COMMON SENSE!

YEAH, RIGHT!

I NEVER GET STUFF LIKE THIS...

I SENSE SOME-THING BAD ABOUT THIS..

YOU NEVER KNOW.

YOU HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND AS CUTE AS IGARASHI, RIGHT?!

WHAT GOOD IS IT TO BE SO PESSIMIS-TIC ABOUT EVERY-THING?!

ALONE... ぽつーん…

He actually came.

No way!

Gross!

FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO GET SOME-THING LIKE THIS...

IT'S 100% A TRAP!

ARE YOU GONNA LEAVE THAT GIRL WAITING?

IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL IF YOU GET LAUGHED AT NOW!

BUT WHAT IF IT ACTUALLY TURNS OUT TO BE A LOVE LETTER?

Whatever happens, it'll be interest-ing!!

WELL, JUST GO SEE.

IF THERE REALLY IS SOMEONE LIKE THAT...

TRUE...

THAT WOULD BE ROUGH...

ぽつーん…
ALONE...

SEE?
I TOLD YOU SO.

ARE YOU...

REALLY GOING OUT WITH IGARASHI SAN?

TO THINK YOU'D ACTUALLY COME FROM THIS LETTER...

BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THIS WOULD HAPPEN...

WHY A GUY?

IS HE TRYING TO START SOMETHING?

I'D NEVER DO SOMETHING SO DIRTY!

SO WHY ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE LIKE HER?

DON'T MAKE ME OUT TO BE LIKE THAT!

YEAH...

WHY? ARE YOU BLACKMAILING HER?

SO WHAT IS IT, THEN?! HURRY UP AND GET TO THE POINT! YOU'RE MAKING ME NERVOUS!

YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUE, DO YOU?

I DON'T REALLY KNOW MYSELF...

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!

SHOULD I START FROM WHEN WE FIRST MET?

I'M CRAZY ABOUT HER.

AND I WANT YOU TO GIVE HER UP.

BAM

DO THAT...

I CAN'T ...

THINK ABOUT IT...

Just IQ, I guess ...

NOTH-ING!

BUT...

IT'S NO USE.

WHAT CAN YOU BEAT ME AT?

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE A GOOD MATCH FOR HER?

BUT...

THAT'S...

IF IT WERE ANY-THING ELSE...

I WOULD APOLOGIZE AND RUN AWAY...

BUT...

I'VE NEVER THOUGHT THAT...

NOT EVEN ONCE.

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GRIP

DO YOU...

YEAH...

YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD EVERY-THING GO YOUR WAY, HUH?

WHAT?

THERE'S NO POINT.

I DON'T THINK I'M GONNA GET THROUGH TO HIM.

GET WHAT I'M SAYING?

YOU'RE THE KIND OF PERSON I HATE MOST.

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN GET WHATEVER YOU WANT THROUGH INTIMIDATION AND FORCE.

YOU'RE HANDSOME, POPULAR, CONFIDENT, HAVE A LOT OF FRIENDS...

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SLAM

SEE THAT?

DAMN IT...

NO MATTER HOW ABSURD THE SITUATION IS...

I END UP BEING THE LOSER.

IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY.

BUT...

I WAS ALWAYS OKAY WITH IT ENDING LIKE THAT...

BEFORE...

I WAS FINE WITH IT.

HUH...?

DID YOU CATCH A COLD, TSU-TSUI?

YEAH... I'M LEAVING EARLY TODAY...

SO CAN YOU LET IROHA KNOW...?

OKAY!

Take care!

DAMN ...

HOW STRONG ...

ARE HER FEELINGS FOR ME, ANYWAY?

EVEN WHEN SHE'S BEING WOOED BY OTHER GUYS?

IS THERE A GUARANTEE THAT SHE'LL STILL CHOOSE ME...

IS THAT GUY...

PLANNING ON GETTING CLOSE TO HER?

SEE?

AND HE PONDERS ABOUT LIFE ONCE MORE.

TSUTSUI GOES TO THE PARK WHERE HE OFTEN HID DURING HIS DARK DAYS...

EXPLANATION

WHAT'S THERE TO BE HAPPY ABOUT?

Pessimistic after being hit

IT'S A PITY FOR HER TO HAVE A BOYFRIEND LIKE ME.

YEAH, I CAN'T FORGET. IN THE END, I'M JUST AN OTAKU...

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WHAT'S THE MATTER, LITTLE GIRL?

ARE YOU LOST?

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I...I DON'T KNOW...

WHERE MY BROTHER WENT...

NO, NO!

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I MIGHT LOOK LIKE ONE OF "THOSE GUYS", BUT I'M NOT...

Relax ...

DO YOU REMEMBER WHICH WAY YOU CAME FROM?

NO.

NUH-UH...

DO YOU KNOW YOUR AD-DRESS?

HMM ...

DO YOU WANNA COME TO MY PLACE?

OKAY, LET'S GO TO THE POLICE ...

NOOOO!

HUHHH?

Why not?

I'LL LET MOM HANDLE THIS.

He has a bit of an atti-tude though.

I HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER WHO'S ABOUT YOUR AGE.

ANZUUU!!

OH...

ONI-CHAN!

GREA-

THERE YOU ARE, AN-

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING WITH MY LITTLE SISTER?!

YOU...

I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING...

ONI-CHAN!

YOU IDIOT! I TOLD YOU TO WAIT IN FRONT OF THE CON-VENIENCE STORE!

THEN YOU GO AND GET KID-NAPPED BY THIS OTAKU OF ALL PEOPLE...

SNAP

WHO KNOWS WHAT HE COULD'VE DONE?!

EVEN OTAKU DON'T LIKE BEING MIS-TAKEN FOR SOMETHING ELSE!

I'M NOT A LOLICON!

AND YOU'RE THE IDIOT!

TAKING YOUR EYES OFF OF A LITTLE GIRL!

DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE A SHORT HOUR TO EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW HOR-RIBLE AN ACTUAL LOLICON IS?!

SHUT UP!! WHAT THE HELL'S YOUR PROBLEM ?!

And don't call her a little girl!

LET'S GO, ANZU!

GET AWAY FROM THIS OTAKU ASAP!

UH...

[Note:] Lolicon is short for "Lolita Complex," which means a sexual attraction to children.

HEY.

HOLD ON... WAIT A MINUTE...

WHAT...?

TURN

IT'S SIMPLE.

I'M NOT GONNA LOSE TO YOU, OBVI-OUSLY.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH IROHA?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS? I'M GONNA TAKE HER FROM YOU!

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO...

Ha! Ha!

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE GONNA CRY.

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, OTAKU?

ARE YOU STUPID?! I'LL KILL YOU!

BESIDES PUTTING YOUR PROFILE PIC ON THE WEB, SPREADING LIES ABOUT YOU, AND DESTROYING YOUR SOCIAL REPUTATION.

Although I'd get caught, too...

ANZU!! SCREAM!

ANYTHING! JUST HURRY!!

CHIME

CHIME

HUH?

OFFICER! OVER HERE!

THIS CREEP IS TRYING TO TAKE MY LITTLE SISTER!

HUHHH?!!

EEEEEEEEEEEEEK!!!

WHO'S THE IDIOT NOW?

WE'LL SEE WHOSE REPUTATION GETS DESTROYED!

SNAP

Oh, my God. What's going on?

I MADE MY MOM CRY. MAN...

3D!! WOBBLE

THERE WAS NO PROOF SINCE THEY RAN AWAY, SO I WAS LET OFF WITH A VERBAL WARNING, BUT...

WHAT THE HELL DID HE DO THAT FOR...?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

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Oh, my God...

He's here...

Whaaa?

DON'T COME TO SCHOOL, YOU LOLI-CON.

GROSS!

HA! HA! HA!

...

THAT GUY'S NUTS.

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT HERE...

YEAH...

IT'S DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN...

THIS FEEL-ING...

I KNOW THIS FEELING...

HE'D GO THIS FAR...

Hikari Tsutsui

Attempted to kidnap a little girl

THE DARK DAYS ARE BACK.

episode★8

The story of my dark days

HOW CAN THEY THINK I'M A LOLI-CON?!

WHAT THE HECK?

HE'S NOT JUST GROSS, HE'S SCARY!

Like seri-ously...

HE TRIED TO TAKE A LITTLE KID! SO CREEPY!

OH MY GOD, HE'S REALLY GROSS!

IT'S SO PLAUSI-BLE TO THEM THAT I CAN'T DEFEND MYSELF.

NO...

I DON'T HAVE AN OUNCE OF CREDIBILITY TO THEM, SINCE I'VE HARDLY COMMUNI-CATED WITH PEOPLE.

EVEN IF I TOLD THEM, THEY'D NEVER BELIEVE ME.

FROM HERE ON OUT, I'M GONNA BE TREAT-ED LIKE A WORM.

EVERY-ONE'S COLD STARES ON ME...

OH, THIS FEELING BRINGS ME BACK...

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TSU-
TSUN...

STAY AWAY FROM ME FOR AWHILE.

WHY?

YOU'VE HEARD THE RUMORS, HAVEN'T YOU?

RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE THE GIRL-FRIEND OF A LOLICON.

YOUR REP-UTATION IS ON THE LINE, Y'KNOW!

I'M JUST KIDDING.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT'D BE TRUE.

YOU'D NEVER DO THAT, TSUTSUN.

I...

YOU MIGHT BE TRYING TO BE SUPPORT-IVE, BUT...

YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG ...

DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE A LOLI-CON.

YOU REALLY SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM ME FOR AWHILE.

PAT

BUT...

HONESTLY...

HER SEEING ME LIKE THIS...

IS SO PATHETIC.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, TSUTSUI?! YOU DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!

DON'T FORCE YOURSELF TO HANG OUT WITH ME...

YOU DON'T LIKE IT WHEN PEOPLE TALK, RIGHT?

ITO...

I DON'T CARE WHAT OTHERS SAY TO ME!

Oh.

HEY, ISHINO...

YOU DISAP-POINT ME, TSUTSUI.

YOU REALLY ARE GROSS.

I LIKE THAT ISHINO-SAN SPEAKS HER MIND...

DID YOU SEE THAT?

SHE JUST LOOKED AT ME LIKE I WAS GAR-BAGE...

BANG

MAN, BUT WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THIS...?

I WAS TEASED AND BULLIED IN JUNIOR HIGH, BUT BEING SUSPECTED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN HIGH SCHOOL IS A TOTALLY DIFFERENT BEAST...

THIS IS NOT A LAUGHING MATTER.

ALL THE GIRLS ARE SCARED OF YOU!

WHY ARE YOU SITTING THERE SO UNFAZED?

NOT A LAUGHING MATTER AT ALL...

Inbox
From Hikari Tsutsui
Sub (no title)
Let's go home separately for awhile.
IGARASHI-SAN...

UH... I WAS...

WON-DER-ING IF-

NO THANKS.

HUH?

WAIT! I DIDN'T EVEN SAY-!

TMP TMP TMP

WAIT!

AT LEAST LET ME JUST-!

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ANNOYED...
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LET ME GO, WILL YOU...?

NO WAY...

WHY...

SH...

SHE WON'T EVEN...

DO YOU LIKE THAT OTAKU SO MUCH?!

GIVE ME THE TIME OF DAY!

I DON'T UNDER-STAND!

I SAID NO THANKS, DIDN'T I?

HE MAKES ME HAPPY.

WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THAT LOLICON OTAKU?!

I DON'T NEED YOU TO UNDER-STAND.

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR SPREADING IRRESPONSIBLE RUMORS.

NOT ONLY WILL SHE NOT TALK TO ME...

SHE HATES ME...?

STUNNED

I LOST TO THAT OTAKU?

KAORU-KUN!

GOOD MORN-ING!

THIS IS A JOKE, RIGHT?!

GOOD MORN-ING... ANZU-CHAN.

WH...

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YOU LOOK SO DOWN.

MY LIFE IS OVER...

AND PEOPLE WERE JUST STARTING TO LIKE ME, TOO. I WAS STUDY-ING HARD AND DOING MY BEST AS CLASS REP.

PEOPLE THINK I'M THE LITTLE BROTH-ER OF A CRIMI-NAL...

HUH...?

What happened, Kaoru-kun...?

I'M TOO ASHAMED TO SAY...

WHAT HAP-PENED, KAORU-KUN?

HUH...? A CRIMI-NAL...?

EVERY-THING'S RUINED ...!

BANG

IT'S ALL RIGHT!! I'LL ALWAYS HAVE YOUR BACK, KAORU-KUN!!

MY BROTH-ER WAS TAKEN BY THE COPS ... WHEN HE WAS AT HATOMUGI PARK THE OTHER DAY...

NOD, NOD,

THE TRUTH IS...

UH-HUH...

ANZU-CHAN...

...

HE WAS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO KIDNAP A LITTLE GIRL...

I'M...

HOME ...

I...

YOU'RE GONNA GET A HUNCHED BACK SIT-TING LIKE THAT...

HEY! STOP SPEAK-ING IN PAST TENSE!

KNEW YOU WERE MELAN-CHOLY...

BUT YOU WERE STILL A NICE BOY...!

JUST A MISUN-DER-STAND-ING?!

LIKE I EX-PLAINED TO YOU YESTER-DAY, IT WAS ALL A MIS-UNDER-STAND-ING...

WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN?

WHAT THE HECK WAS THE PAST 18 YEARS FOR...?!

MY OWN MOTHER DOESN'T EVEN BELIEVE ME...

WATCHING ALL THOSE ANIME SHOWS THAT LITTLE KIDS WATCH... IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW!

I THOUGHT THAT...

AT LEAST YOU'D UNDERSTAND, MOM...

WELL, AT THIS POINT, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT EITHER HOME OR SCHOOL.

SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE, ALL I CAN DO IS PUT UP WITH IT.

I'VE GOTTEN GOOD AT LOOKING THE OTHER WAY...

SO HOPEFULLY THIS WILL ALL WORK ITSELF OUT.

I FIGURED...

KER-CHAK

I HAVE NEVER UNDERSTOOD ANY OF YOUR INTERESTS!!

SHRIEK

RRRRRR

BEEP

Iroha Igu

Call Number
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YOU SURPRISED ME!

WERE YOU OKAY TODAY?

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D CALL...

I'M NOT PROUD TO SAY IT, BUT I'M USED TO THIS.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

THAT'S JUST WHAT I THOUGHT.

OH...

I'LL BE FINE EVEN IF I GET EGGS THROWN AT ME.

AT ANY RATE, I CAN SHUT MY EMOTIONS DOWN AT WILL, SO...

I'VE FELT LIKE I FIT IN AS A NORMAL PERSON RECENTLY...

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING'S REALLY CHANGED SINCE THEN.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY...

AT THE VERY LEAST, I'M NOT A GUY WHO PEOPLE LIKE.

SO...

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO NEED TO BE WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME.

WITH SOME-ONE LIKE ME.

TO WANT HER TO STAY...

A REALLY BRAZEN THING...

IT MIGHT'VE BEEN...

TSU-TSUN...

THERE ARE A LOT OF GREAT GUYS OUT THERE...

ACTUALLY, MOST OF THEM ARE BETTER THAN ME.

THE PERSON I LIKE...

IF YOU SAY AN-OTHER WORD...

I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.

AND HE'S THE BEST GUY IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

CARES ABOUT HIS FRIENDS ...

IS KIND-ER THAN ANYONE ELSE...

HE'S AWKWARD, BUT SO ENDEARING.

DON'T GO OFF ON YOUR OWN IN SEARCH OF A SOLU-TION...

TAKE ME WITH YOU.

YOU SAY, "IT WON'T WORK 'CAUSE OF WHO I AM"...

BUT YOU SHOULD BE SAYING, "STICK WITH ME DESPITE WHO I AM."

IF YOU TRULY LIKE ME...

AND YET, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SOMEONE TELLS ME THAT THEY ACCEPT ME FOR WHO I AM...

A HUNDRED TIMES OVER, PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME THAT I'M DISGUSTING...

DAMN.

AND MY HEART ACHES SO MUCH.

EVERY-ONE THINKS YOU'RE GROSS!

WHY DO YOU KEEP COM-ING TO SCHOOL?!

UH...

HMPH.

SORRY.

NOTH-ING...

WH...

WHAT THE HELL'S SO FUN-NY?!

MMPH...

HEH, HEH...

SHOOT.

IF I DON'T KEEP A STRAIGHT FACE...

I'LL ...

GROSS... HE'S LAUGHING BY HIM-SELF.

HONEST-LY, SO GROSS...

Even his laugh is gross...

That has nothing to do with this.

HUH? WE'RE NOT GONNA GO HOME TOGETHER?

UNTIL THINGS SIMMER DOWN!

...?

TSU-TSUN...

YOU'RE SO STUB-BORN.

ハッ
PANT
ハッ
PANT
トゥンク
TMP
トゥンク
TMP
トゥンク
TMP
WHOOSH
ZUMBLE

PRETTY LADY...

...

THANKS ...

OH.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE MY BROTHER IS?

MITSUYA TAKANASHI...

HE'S IN CLASS 3D.

THE HIGH SCHOOL IS THAT WAY, Y'KNOW.

OH!

THANK YOU, MISS!

CLASS D...

THERE YOU ARE, IGARASHI SA-

HE MIGHT'VE GONE HOME ALREADY, BUT I'LL ASK.

HUH?

ONI-CHAN!

I FELL AND SHE HELPED ME...

AND...

SHE WAS JUST ABOUT TO GO CALL YOU, ONI-CHAN!

SO IT'S YOU...

HUH?

WHA?

WHY ARE YOU TWO...?

PLEASE LET GO OF ME.

I DIDN'T REALLY DO ANY-THING.

THANKS FOR HELP-ING... MY LITTLE SISTER!

GOOD JOB, ANZU!!

ONI-CHAN!

WHAT IS IT, ANZU ?!

WELL, I'M GONNA GO.

ONI-CHAN!

HEY, IGARASHI-SAN!

ONI-CHAN!

Not right now ...

WHAT IS IT, ANZU?

KAORU-KUN'S BEEN SO SAD!

HUH? A LITTLE BROTH-ER?

YOUR CLASS-MATE?

He doesn't even eat his lunch!

IT'S 'CAUSE I SCREAMED!

'CAUSE YOU TOLD ME TO, ONI-CHAN!

THAT GUY...

WHO THE POLICE TOOK THE OTHER DAY...

THAT WAS KAORU-KUN'S OLDER BROTHER!

SOB

TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 3!!

Hello!!

This is Nanami! Thank you for choosing the second volume!

It's been on my mind, so I wanted to ask... Did you all notice that the cover of "Real Girl" was drawn in pencil?

I wanted to do it in pencil since I thought it'd look nice...

But the colors turned out quite dark, so I was worried that it might not look like it was done in pencil.

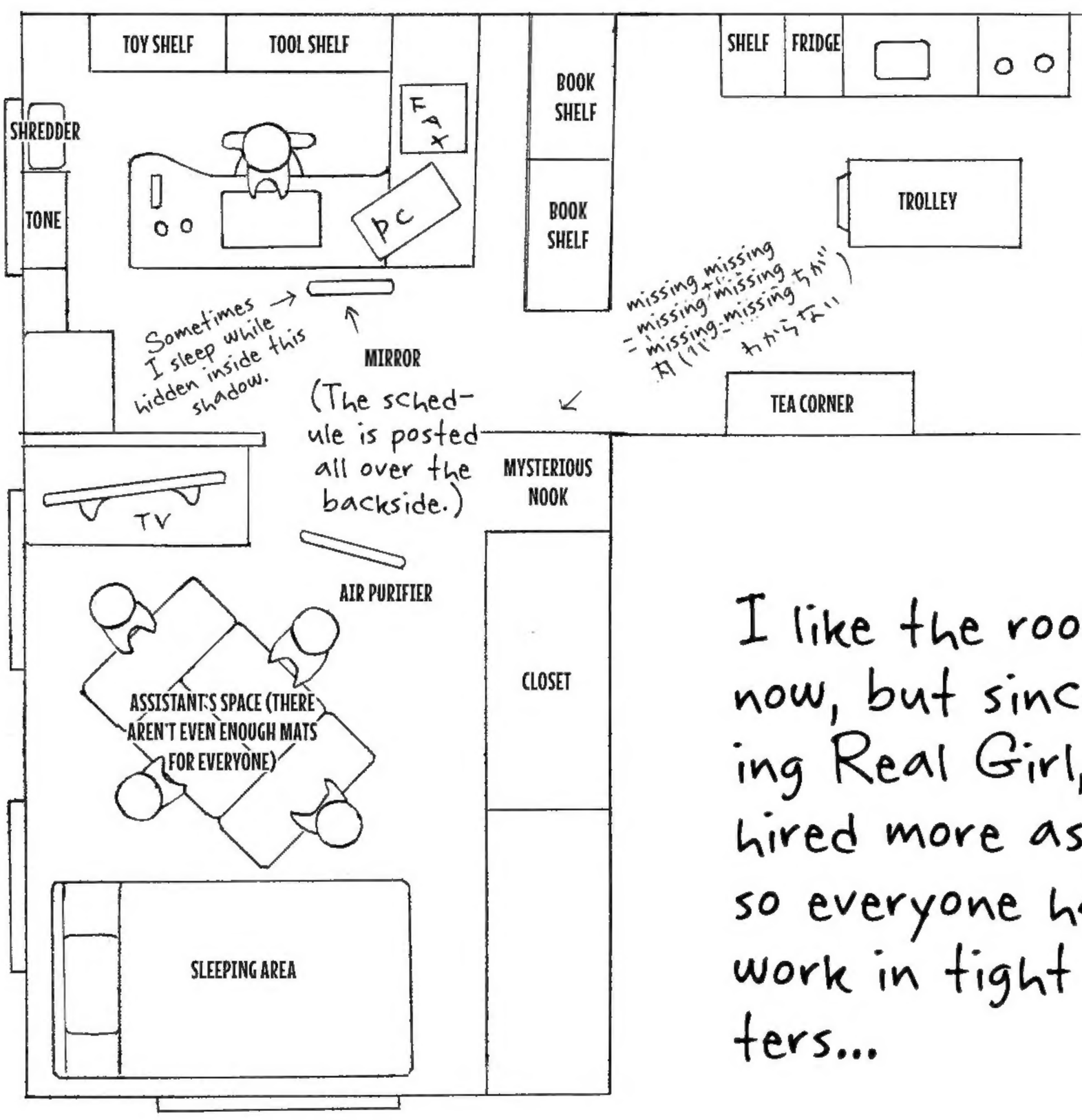
What if people think of me as someone with sloppy pen work?! Nah, I use the pen, but it's not like my drawings are super clean.

If you take off the cover, you'll see the original draft of the drawing, so check it out if you're interested!

About My Work

Since I'm often on the move, my work environment often changes.

I've moved three times in the past three years, so I think I've really inconvenienced Tada-chan, my longest-running assistant.



I like the room I'm in now, but since starting Real Girl, I've hired more assistants, so everyone has to work in tight quarters...

Although I think I should learn to go digital, I also like the feeling of everyone noisily making the work together (and it's also hard to learn digital...) so I always have second thoughts.

I occasionally upload a blog about my work, so take a look if you'd like.

Special Thanks !!

□ assistant

- Manami Tada
- Toki Sunazuka
- Moriko
- Kasumi Fujishiro
- Ao Yui
- Yurika Ohyabu

- Work
- Eat
- Play

□ editor

- Izumi Zushi

- Work
- Eat
- Critique

□ design

- Akiko Omo

- Say thanks to everyone

All Friends Family

And YOU

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